

REMARKS

Claims 20-41 are pending. These claims were previously presented in Amendment B, although the claims were inadvertently numbered 19-40. By the present amendment, the claims have been renumbered 20-41. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application is now respectfully requested in view of the foregoing claims and the following remarks.

This supplemental amendment is being filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 9, 2007. The claim amendments and remarks are made relative to the claims existing after Amendment B and the Office Action dated December 27, 2006, as if Amendment C filed March 1, 2007 was never filed. In other words, this Supplemental Amendment D replaces and supersedes Amendment C filed March 1, 2007. As such, please withdraw Amendment C.

The Applicant received an office action dated December 27, 2006 in which the Examiner rejected claims 20-41 because of the numbering of claims, and on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,685,607. No other claim objections or rejections were raised. As filed, Amendment C included a completely different set of claims (numbered within Amendment C as claims 20-45). In the present amendment, Applicant has reinstated the claims from Amendment B, renumbering them 20-41, as reflected in the foregoing amended claims.

Relative to the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection, Applicant previously filed a Terminal Disclaimer relative to U.S. Patent No. 6,685,607 on July 10, 2006. Thus, an additional Terminal Disclaimer should not be necessary in the present application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration and allowance of claims 20 - 41 as presented herein.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to please contact the undersigned attorney.

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